



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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patent application

Serial No. 08/501,743

Applicant: Raafat E.F. Fahim et al.

Title: ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS VACCINES AND METHODS
OF PREPARATION THEREOF

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Art Unit: 1817

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The Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of February 27, 1997.

The Examiner required restriction to one of three groups of claims, namely, Group I - Claims 1 to 17, Group II - Claims 18 to 26 and Group III - Claims 27 to 42. The applicant hereby elects the claims of Group III for examination at the present time.

This election is made without prejudice of the applicants' right to pursue the claims of Groups I and II in other applications. In this regard, it is noted that Claims 1 to 17 are being pursued in parent application No. 08/433,646.

Respectfully submitted,

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